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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
REINHARD SCHNEIDER ET AL : EXAMINER: KUMAR, P.
SERIAL NO: 09/644,220 :
FILED: AUGUST 23, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1751
FOR: LIGHTENING DYED TEXTILE :
MATERIAL

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AMENDMENT

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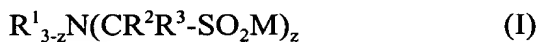
SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5 and 11 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for controlled partial decolorization of vat- or sulfur-dyed or -printed textile material, which comprises treating the textile material to be lightened or decolorized with one or more compounds of the formula I



where

z is 1, 2 or 3,

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